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PEOPLE WHO WRITE.

Many Peculiar Letters Received by the District Commissioners. The District Commissioners are daily in the receipt of numerous petitions and complaints, and many of the latter are trivial and often without any foundation. Among their mail recently was a letter from a citizen of Northeast Washington, who complains that a certain saloon in that section was used as a gambling resort, and boys and young men lost their earnings at 'crap' and other games. The matter was referred to the lieutenant of the precinct in which the saloon was situated. He investigated and in his report said that the saloon was but a one-story house in which it was impossible for raming to be carried on without the knowledge of the police.

The inquisitive reference of the northeast will either have to accept this report as the truth or continue to investigate the saloon himself.

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A rather curious letter was received the other day from an inmate of the workhouse. The letter was a complaint of the treatment received at the hands of one of the physicians of the institution.

The complainant had evidently known better days, for the communication was full of classical quotations, and the writer also displayed remarkable vituperative powers. It was regarded by the Commissioners as the result of a diseased mind, and received the small consideration that such communications usually do.

Collector of Taxes Davis has also been besieged by complainants for the last few days. The publication of the unpaid tax lists has brought many judigmant cideous to the office of the collector to discover the reason of the publication of their names as most of them claim that they have already paid their taxes. The collector is kept busy explaining the state of affairs to these people who are only convinced that they have not paid last year's taxes when they are unable to produce receipts for the same.

BLUE-RIBBONED CANINES.

The Bench Show of the Kennel Club Closes To-Night. To-morrow the deg show will be a thing of the past, for the exhibition closes tonight and the dolorous how! of the home sick canines will be heard no more in the sick canines will be heard no more in the big riding hall for a year, at least. This norning the orphans from the different a ylums in the city visited the show by special invitation from the club. The pidges yesterday conferred an additional oner on Sir Bedisere by declaring him the finest dog entered.

When the show closes to night the club will have every reason to congratulate itself on the success of its undertaking. The management of the affair was perfect, the decision of the judges met with not a single objection, and the dog-loving public of Washington appreciated this.

The officers of the First Precinct are tistled that an effort was made last night to burn the Centre Market, About 1 o'clock Private Watchman Young noticed flames spring up from the balcony in front of the armory used by the District militin. The fire was at the game time noticed by Officers Hartman and Fuller, who turned in an alarm. It was found that a dry goods box filled with excelsior had been ignited, but the burning box was thrown into the street by the officers before the flames had communicated with the wooden door and framework. There is no question but that the fire was of incendiary origin, and that the excelsior in the box had been saturated with oil before being lighted. Little, if any, damage was done. to burn the Centre Market, About 1

Stashed With a Razor. Richard Boston and William Jones. both young colored men, had a dispute over money matters in an alley in over money matters in an alley in the rear of 126 L street northwest, last night, and Boston was slashed across the face with a razor. The injured man went to the Emergency Hospital and had the ugly gash which he had received sewed up by Dr. Middleton, after which he was taken to his home, No. 1114 First street, in the patrol wagon. Jones man-aged to evade arrest, but, as he is well-known to the police, he will probably be captured.

Welcoming Their New Pastor. The members of Ebenezer Church, Fourth and D streets southeast, yesterday extended a hearty and substantial welextended a hearty and substantial welcome to their new pastor. Rev. Mr. Dennis.
A bountiful repast was served at the
church, which was enjoyed by many.
Mr. Dennis succeeds Rev. Mr. Draper,
who has filled the pulpit of this church in
a most useful and creditable manner for
the past five years, and who was appointed by the recent conference to a
charge in Staunton, Va.

Bade Farewell to Its Presiding Elder The congregation of the Foundry M. Church assembled in the Sunday school room of the church last night t school room of the church last night to bid farewell to Rev. Dr. J. McKendree Reliev late presiding elder of the Wash-ington district, and to welcome the newly appointed presiding elder, Rev. Dr. H. R. Naylor. The address of welcome was delivered by Judge Price and the congregation was entertained with vocal-selections by Miss Lunsville.

Interesting Lecture by Ensign Elliott Lower California" was the subject of at Lower California 'was the subject of an interesting lecture by Ensign John M. Elliott, U. S. N., at St. Paul's Parish Building last evening. The lecture was illustrated with stereopticon views and was both entertaining and instructive. It was the closing address of the series delivered under the auspices of the guild of St. Paul's Church.

No Meeting of the Postoffice Site Com

mission To-Day. The commission appointed to appraise the property in square 323—the postoffice did not meet to-day. The sessions of the commission will be resumed on Monday next. It will be fully ten day or two weeks before all the testimony is taken.

New Agent for the S. P. C. A. Appointed The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has appointed Mr John Paine to assist Agent Key in his work. Mr. Paine was for many years associed with Henry Bergh of New York. associed with Henry the society to enlarge its field of operations and to prosecute more theroughly its work.

No better whisky in the market that Berkeley, at Thurp's, 818 F street north

Test of a Water Tower. There will be an exhibition of the celebrated Hale water tower at the east from

of the Capitol under the direction of Chief Parris to-morrow at 3 p. m. The test will undoubtedly prove an interesting one. Mrs. Halford Dt. Mrs. Halford, the wife of the President! private accretary, is quite ill at Thomas

Thurp, 318 F street northwest.

NEWLY MADE DOCTORS.

Graduating Exercises of the Medical Department of Columbian University. The commencement of the medical and University was held last evening at the Academy of Music. The graduates in-Academy of Music. The graduats included two young ladies, Miss Phoebe R. Norris of Pennsylvania and Miss Augusta M. Pettigrew of Maine. The gentlemen were Edmund Barry, Cornelius B. Boyle, Charles S. Cowie, Charles M. DeValin, Henry B. Hitz, Henry E. Kalusowski, Samuel H. Knight, Frank Leech, Oscar A. M. McKimmie, John H. Metzerott of the District of Columbia, Alexander F. Berryhill of Illinois, Rufus D. Bose, John B. Nichols of New York, Charles S. Davidson of Tennessee, William F. Gatchell of Obio, Horatio G. Gibson, Jr., of Kentucky, William S. Gibson, James A. Maloney, Harry V. Pyles of Maryland, Meyer Herman of Louisiana, Alexander B. Me-Dowell of Virginia, and John R. Wellington of Maine, in medicine, and Jonathan R. Hegan of Virginia and Benjamin F. Odell of Illinois in dentistry.

The \$50 classical prize for the best average during the three years course, and also the classical prize for the best average during the three years course, and also the classical prize of instruments, was won by Dr. John B. Nichols.

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A large audience was present and the stage, upon which were the graduates and faculty, was handsomely decorated with plants and flowers.

The following interesting programme was rendered Music by the Marine Band, directed by John Philip Soura, Chabier's "Merry Monarch," Planquelle's "Paul Jones," Sousa's "The Loval Legion," Rubenstein's melody in "F." Hendiey's Sub Rosa patrol, Lefebure-Wely's "Monastery Bells," Sousa's "The Pleadone," Arnold's "Star Spangled Bannes," cornet solo by Mr. W. T. Smith, "The Old Red Cradle" of Gilbert's, piecolo solo, Mr. H. Yaeger, "Yankee Doodle" of Purdy, prayer by Rev. George W. Douglas, D. D.; conferring of degrees by President J. C. Willing, Lt., D.; address to medical graduates by Dr. R. B. Donaldson, valedicatory by Dr. Edmund Barry.

The following are the officers and committees of the graduating class: Octo Voso, president; George A. H. Mills, secretary, and George S. Davidson, treasurer. Excentive committee-Frank Leech, chairman; John R. Wellington, Oscar A. M. McKimmie, Robert S. Wagner, and Philip Johnson. Reception committee-Richard M. Geddings, chairman; Eaton K. Menet, Peane C. Howard, F. W. Von Dochenbausen, William C. Mason, Willis Pomeroy, Thomas G. Alcome, Lincoln Johnson, George A. H. Mills, Matthew O'R. Lovesire, A. E. Hain, Gustavus E. Werber, Andrew J. Nelson, Z.W. Brewer, William C. Brock, William E. Kenney, Irving W. Raud, George H. Townsend, Mrs. Louise M. Blake, Mrs. Josle C. Parsons, Hamilton Demichs, John H. Rendiant, and Clarence G. Probert.

The Cheapeake and Ohio Canal.

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The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. The Baltimore Son says that the trustee of the bondholders of 1844 of the Chesa peake and Ohio Canal are making their peake and Ohio Canal are making their final arrangements for having the canal in operation by May I, as required by the order of court. The trustees are Messrs. John K. Cowen, Bradley S. Johnson, Hugh L. Bond, Jr., H. H. Keedy of Hagerstown and Joseph Bryan of Richmond. All the trustees except Mr. Bryan were present at a meeting held in the Baltimore and Ohio Central Building yesterday to pass on the bids received for repairing the canal and to consider other matters looking to its restoration and operation. General Manager Henry C. Winship was authorized to make contracts with the various bidders, the work to be done by sections.

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The trustees also adopted a form of guarantee which they will give to owners of boals to insure them an opportunity of carning with their boats the amounts expended in putting them in repair. The contracts will require that the work be completed by May 1 on that part of the canal between Williamsport and Cumberland. On the rest of the canal the work is to be completed by May 1 if possible, or as soon thereafter as can be, and not later than three months from the date of the contract in any case. The work will be in charge of Chief Engineer H. D. Whitcomb, who has been engaged all the winter in conducting the necessary engineering work and making complete specifications and estimates. It is expected that 150 boats will commence running as soon as the canal begins operations. The estimated cost of the work under the bids is \$250,000.

About forty members of Washington
Division, No. 1, K. of P., went over to
Baltimore last evening and partook of a
banquet given in their honor by Baltis
more Division, No. -, K. of P. Among
the visitors were Proc. K. of P. Among more Division, No. — K, of P. Among the visitors were Captain Harry Coggins. Lieutenant R. M. Brown, Lieutenant A. Columbus, Sergeant Edward Wilson and Colonel C. J. Foxwell. The ladies in charge of the arrangements were Mrs. J. W. Welsh, Mrs. George W. Padgett, Mrs. W. H. Cramer, Mrs. Herman Wallenberg, Miss Annie Biehy, Mrs. H. E. Smith, Mrs. Charles K. Maber, Mrs. John Kirby, Mrs. Samuel Haslep, Mrs. Clarence A. Pindell, Mrs. Forney, Miss Lena Radcliffe, Miss Daisy Evans and Mrs. Charles Chaney, Among the Knights present were Judge George W. Lindsay, J. J. Kahler, Alexander Geddess, W. F. Cunningham, Henry Kemp, George W. Webb, James Whitehouse, S. R. Lintin and J. W. Tritel.

Death of a Well-Known Typo-Mr. Lawrence E. Kearney, one of the best known compositors of Washington, best known compositors of Washington, died last evening at the residence of his brother-in-law, George F. Maxwell. 1412 Eighth street, of consumption. Mr. Kearney was very popular with the printing craft, having been employed on various newspapers in this city, and New York. He became ill with consumption several months ago, and last January began a course of treatment with Professor Koch's lymph. The treatment, however, dithin no good. Mr. Kearney was 35 years old, and leaves a mother and sister. The funeral services will be held on Sunday.

A Sick Juror Causes a Postponement Progress in the case of Robert Strong vi olonel W. A. Cook, on trial in the Cir-Colonel W. A. Cook, on trial in the Cir-cuit Court, was impeded this morning in consequence of the serious sickness of Mr. Burch, one of the jurors. Mr. Burch has been complaining for some days, and has had his health somewhat impaired by his continued confidement in the court-room for over a month. Judge James ordered the jury excused until to-morrow, but it is feared that Mr. Burch will be in no con-dition to americant that time. dition to appear at that time.

Young, But Has a Record. Some days ago Julia H. Gray, living a No. 1207 Tstreet, reported that she had had several pieces of jewelry stolen from had several pieces of jeweiry stolen from her. Last night officer Weedon arrested Lillie Lewis, better known to the police as Kate Green, at her room, No. 1328 Twelfth street, and recovered the stolen property. The Lewis woman, although but 18 years of age, has already done time at the jail for larceny. Officer Weedon also found some other valuable jewelry in her room which is supposed to have been stolen.

Lecture on "Church and Poverty." is lecture on "Church and Poverty" a he Masonic Temple last night. leture was the third of the course de-livered under the auspices of Carroll Insti-tute. A large audience was present and though many of Dr. Walker's utterances were extremely radical, his views seemed to meet the approval of his hearers.

Struck by a Piece of Timber. Moses Wilson, a colored laborer en-gaged at work on the Busen Building mear the corner of E and Eighth streets, was struck on the head by a falling piece of timber yesterday afternoon and bally injured. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where he had his wounds dressed by Dr. Hall.

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From the Omaha Bee.
During the services at the Methodist hurch in Baker City, Ore., one evening recently one of the congregation, W. C.

church in Baker City, Ore., one evening recently one of the congregation, W. C. Miller, who was sitting near the door, heard a commotion in the vestibule, and was somewhat disturbed by the noise, but, thinking perhaps some one was about to enter and then changed their mind and retired, gave the matter no more thought. A few minutes later a couple of boys entered and told Mr. Miller that there was a baby in a basket in the entry. Mr. Miller, thinking it was a joke, paid no attention to the information until an infant's cry came to his ears, when he went into the vestibule and found a young stranger cosily nestled in a basket.

He immediately took the infant from its resting place, and, marching up the nisle, informed the minister, Mr. Woods, that somebody had left a present for him. The laddes of the congregation quickly gathered around the little one, out Mrs. Woods, the minister's kind hearted wife, was the the first to welcome the new found babe and declared her intention of keeping it. The meeting broke up, the sermon was unfinished and excitement prevailed. The child was at first supposed to be but a few hours old, but is apparently about three weeks old and is a bright and pretty little girl, and if no prior claim is set up by its natural parents will remain in the family of the minister.

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